Foodgrains for APL and BPL card holders

*433. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains distributed to each APL and BPL family through fair price shops and the price thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reduce the quantity for APL families very recently;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the reactions from the State Governments thereto; and

(d) whether Government are going to re-instate the scale reduced for those APL families which actually cling to the side of BPL families?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) At present foodgrains are allocated by the Central Government to the State and UT Governments at the rate of 35 kgs per month per household for BPL and AAY families. For APL families the quantity allocated depends upon the availability of foodgrains in the Central pool. The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is made on the basis of number of households estimated on the basis of poverty estimate of Planning Commission for 1993-1994 projected on the population estimate of Registrar General Census as on 01.03.2000 or the number of Ration Cards issued by the State/UT Governments whichever is less.

Accordingly 11.52 crore APL families, 6.52 crore BPL families (including 2.50 crore AAY families) were to be covered under TPDS. However, as per information available for March end, 2007, the State/UT Governments have issued Ration Cards to 12.92 crore APL families, 7.66 crore other BPL families and 2.38 crore AAY families and distribute foodgrains to them.

The Scale of Issue of foodgrains under TPDS at Fair Price Shops varies from State/UT to State/UT depending upon the number of Ration Cards issued by them and policy decisions of State/UT Governments.

The present Central Issue Prices of foodgrains supplied under TPDS are as under:—

(Rs. per kg.)

APL		BPL		AAY	
Wheat	Rice (Gr. A)	Wheat (Common/Gr. A)	Rice	Wheat (Common/Gr. A)	Rice
6.10	8.30	4.15	5.65	2.00	3.00

For North Eastern and Hilly Area States, the price of Common Grade rice is less by Rs. 35 per quintal.

However, the end retail price of foodgrains at FPS level is fixed by the States/UTs after taking into account margins for FPS, transportation charges, local levies, taxes, etc. This varies from State/UT to State/UT due to geographical conditions and State taxation rates. The details of issue prices at Fair Price Shops in States/UTs is annexed as Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Due to supply constraints last year, the allocation of wheat for APL category was rationalized based on the offtake of previous three years. Allocation for rice for APL category has been rationalized from April, 2007 based on maximum monthly offtake during last three years. States/UTs have requested for increase in current APL allocation and to restore the levels of earlier years. Increase in APL allocation is possible only when supply position of wheat improves.

Statement—I

Issue prices at fair price shops in States/UTs

(As reported by each State/UT from time to time)

(Rs. Per Kg.)

Sl. No.	States	BPL		APL		Rice Gr. A	Reported *Vide* letter dated
		Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Common**		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	7.00	5.25	7.00	—	9.00	10.9.2006
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.65	6.15	6.60	7.45	8.80	4.2.2003
3.	Assam#	—	6.27-6.67	6.76-7.01	7.69-7.95	9.17-9.43	17.2.2003 &10.9.06
4.	Bihar	4.73	6.29	6.62	8.62	9.22	27.12.2002 & 10.9.06
5.	Chhattisgarh	4.75	6.25	6.81	—	9.04	14.9.06
6.	Delhi	4.65	6.15	6.80	—	9.00	29.9.2006
7.	Goa	—	6.15	6.60	—	8.95	16.10.2002
8.	Gujarat*	2.00	3.00	7.00	—	10.00	25.9.2002
9.	Haryana	4.84	6.40	6.86	—	9.15	30.11.2005
10.	Himachal Pradesh	5.25@	6.85@	7.80-8.25@	9.40-10.25@	9.60-9.95	7.10.2002 @10.04.07 w.e.f. 01.04.07
11.	J & K#	4.75	6.25	6.60	8.60	9.00	24.10.2002
12.	Jharkhand	4.62	6.15	6.10	—	8.30	3.1.2003
13.	Karnataka*	3.00@	3.00@	6.70	—	9.00	31.7.2002 @ Sept., 04
14.	Kerala	3.00	3.00	6.70	—	8.90	10.9.06
15.	Madhya Pradesh#	5.00	6.50	7.00	—	9.20	29.7.2002
16.	Maharashtra#	5.00	6.00	7.00	—	9.50	6.10.2004
17.	Manipur	—	6.21	6.33	—	8.95	16.11.2002

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
18.	Meghalaya#	—	6.15	6.60-7.00	-	8.30-8.80	10.9.06
19.	Mizoram	—	6.15	7.78	-	9.50	10.9.06
20	Nagaland	4.75	6.15	6.70 (Atta)	-	8.90	4.2.2003
21	Orissa	-6.30	-4.75	7.00	-	9.30	10.9.06
22	Punjab	4.54	6.12	8.90	-	6.59	16.9.06
23	Rajasthan	4.70	6.30	6.80	-	9.00	11.8.2005
24	Sikkim	-	4.00	6.75	-	9.00	10.9.06
25	Tamil Nadu*	7.50	6.00	7.50	-	6.00	12.11.2002
26	Tripura	8.75 (wholemeal Atta)	6.15	8.75 (wholemeal Atta)	8.65	9.50	19.9.2002 & 10.9.06
27	Uttar Pradesh	4.65	6.15	6.60	-	8.45	10.9.2006
28	Uttaranchal	4.65	6.15	6.60@	8.45	8.80	21.12.2002 @10.9.06
29	West Bengal	4.65	6.15	6.75	-	9.00	12.3.2003
30	A&N Islands	4.45	6.05	6.50	-	8.80	8.10.2002
31	Chandigarh	4.50	6.02	6.54	-	8.79	1.1.2003
32	D&N Haveli	4.65	6.00	6.50	-	8.50	9.10.2002
33	Daman & Diu	5.00	6.40	6.70(Daman) 7.20(Diu)		-9.00(Daman) 9.55(Diu)	4.4.2003
34	Lakshadweep	-	6.15	6.60	-	8.80	11.11.2002
35	Pondicherry	-4.00(upto 20 Kgs) 6.00 (beyond 20 Kgs upto 35 Kg.)		6.80	-	9.00	3.8.2004 &2.6.06

* Additional subsidy borne by State Government.

** Applicable only to J&K, H.P. and hilly areas of North Eastern States including Sikkim and U.P.

Differs from area to area.

@ Indicates position as on date.